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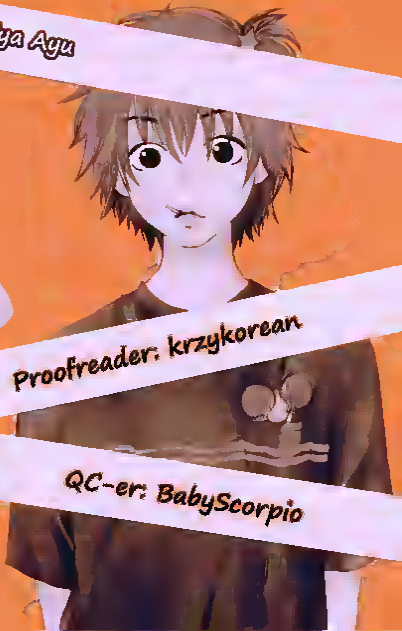

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It's the summer break.
Today's finally the last day of my part-time job.
WOW!!
I mean, that's just frizzy hair
Leave her be.
IT LOOKS THE SAME AS ALWAYS TO ME THOUGH
OOH! MY LOVE LUCK TODAY IS 4 STARS!!
TODAY'S FORTUNE TELLING
THAT'S NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD
SHUT UP ALREADY!
YOU'RE SO LOUD THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING
TODAY MY HAIRSTYLE LOOKS KIND OF GREAT!!
THE CURLING AROUND HERE LOOKS PRETTY MIRACULOUS!!
Today,
I'm going to confess my love to Seto-kun.

Fujimiya Ayu

7 Days a Week
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SETO

I'M SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT LIKE THIS.
UHM.. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU'RE A GREAT GIRL
TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF MY PART-TIME JOB,
BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND,
WOULD YOU CONTINUE TO MEET ME
AFTER TODAY, TOO?

could this be
BA-THUMP
Seto-kun is...
BA-THUMP
Se-...
BA-THUMP
Hold on... A love con-fession?
EHM

EEEEE(!?)!
WAIT A MO-MENT...
SETO-KUN... I THOUGHT I FINALLY FOUND HIM, BUT SUDDENLY, I SAW THIS SCENE...
HE HAS SOMEONE HE LI-KES...
NO WAY...
That girl... Also works part-time with us.
So he likes her.
I see... That's how it is.
I'M SORRY.

Seto-kun got turned down!!
EH?!
I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE,
BUT ACTUALLY, I'M MARRIED.
BUT HE REALLY NEEDS ME.
YEAH, I'M SORRY. MY HUSBAND IS NO MATCH FOR YOU IN TERMS OF COOL-NESS,
19
UHM... HOW OLD ARE YOU AGAIN, YOUKO-SAN?
AH... I SEE.
SO YOU'RE MAR-RIED...
NO, DON'T WORRY
I'M SORRY, I WAS KIND OF LIGHT-HEARTED WHEN I SAID THAT.
YES.
OH, REALLY?

THEN, GOODBYE.
YEAH.
YOU TAKE CARE, TOO, SETO-KUN.
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
YOU, TOO.
Seto-kun...

HWAH!
ARGH... THAT SCARED THE HECK OUT OF ME...
thump
thump
thump
thump
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
WHAT?
I-I-I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING. BYE!!

FLINCH
KAE?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SORRY, I JUST HAPPENED TO PASS BY.
HMM...

IT'S ALL RIGHT! I WON'T TELL ANYONE I SWEAR!
I DEFINITELY WON'T TELL ANYONE THAT YOU GOT TURNED DOWN BY A MARRIED GIRL.
EVEN IF SOMEONE TEARS MY MOUTH APART, I WON'T SAY THAT SHE'S A MARRIED GIRL!
I GOT IT ALREADY, SO CALM DOWN!
YOU HEARD THE WHOLE THING...
UR-GH!
....
...WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
Seto-kun and I
Both worked at this amusement park during the summer break, and we came to talk to each other.
I worked at the ice-cream stand,
And he worked at the open-air cafe next to it.
TODAY'S OUR LAST DAY WORKING HERE ANYWAY.
I WON'T EVER SEE HER AGAIN.

That guy always has jamocha flavor.
He often came over to buy ice-cream during break times.
UHM... I'D LIKE THE USUAL ORDER.
WEL-COME
RIGHT AWAY.
WHAM
AH.
SORRY, I DIDN'T LOOK DOWN EARLIER. I WAS AT FAULT.
...
...
Ah
I'M SOR-RY
FLINCH
3 days a week - Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday,
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WAH!
...

I really looked forward
To those days that he went to work.
CHU-CKLE
THEN, I'M GOING HOME NOW
EH!
I'M KIND OF TIRED. WELL, THAT'S TO BE EXPEC-TED
AH...!
Today is our last day working here.
TAKE CARE, TOO, KAE.
BYE

It was supposed to be the day that I confess to him.
Y-...
YOU, TOO, SETO-KUN!
And
It's the day that his love was unrequited.
Second Semester
Morning!
SPACING OUT
And thus, summer break ended.

HEY, SETO.
What's with that sleepy face?
DID YOU PLAY AROUND TOO MUCH DURING THE SUMMER BREAK?
I DIDN'T.
SE-TO-KU-UUN. ♡
WHY DIDN'T YOU REPLY TO MY MES-SAGES?
I WAS SO LONELY
JEEZ
AH, SORRY, SORRY.
HEY, SETO-KUN, NEXT TIME...
SORRY, I'M SLEEPY, SO
LATER...
stops

Seto-kun?
AH...!
DON'T...
ACT AS IF YOU JUST ACCIDENTALLY SAW AN IDOL ON THE STREET.
THAT'S WRONG! PROBA-BLY WRONG!
HAH...

AS I THOUGHT, YOU DIDN'T REALIZE... THAT WE GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL.
YOUR FIELD OF VISION IS TOO NARROW, SETO-KUN.
YOU DIDN'T TRANSFER HERE RECENTLY OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?
I'VE ALWAYS ATTENDED SCHOOL REGULARLY SINCE I STARTED GOING HERE..
I KNEW ABOUT YOU BEFOREHAND.
YOU'RE THE POPULAR TYPE, SO YOU'RE FAMOUS AMONG THE GIRLS.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD BE TURNED DOWN SO EASILY BY A MARRIED GIRL...
GASP
..
AH, SORRY, I SHOULDN'T USE THE WORD "TURNED DOWN"
LET'S SEE...
YOU WERE REJECTED...
GLOOMY
Crap, the mood is getting more and more gloomy
PLEASE, USE "TURNED DOWN".

...
BUT YOU KNOW, I'M THE SAME, TOO
I ALSO KNOW THAT THE ONE I LIKE HAS SOMEONE ELSE THAT HE LIKES
JUST RECENTLY.
EH!
SO YOU HAVE YOUR HEART BROKEN, TOO?
That's how it all comes down to...
...YEAH,
PRETTY MUCH
I SEE..

I WISH THAT COULD APPLY TO ME NOW...
SAY TO EASE THE PAIN OF A BROKEN HEART, YOU NEED A NEW LOVE.
THEY OFTEN
I SEE
IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID, KAE.
MY FIELD OF VISION IS REALLY TOO NARROW.
OR RATHER, WHAT DO I SEE WHEN I LOOK AT HER?
AH...
I KIND OF FEEL LIKE CRYING.
IT'S OKAY TO CRY.

IF IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER AFTER CRYING A LITTLE BIT,
WHILE YOU CRY,
I WILL HOLD YOU TIGHTLY.
BECA-USE...
IF YOU DON'T RECO-VER FROM YOUR BROKEN HEART
IT SEEMS VERY LIKELY THAT YOU'LL SHUT YOURSELF OFF DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS AND BECOME LIKE A DEFEATED SOLDIER FLEEING THE ENEMY
HEY, YOU...

NOD
YEAH.
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO CRY ON YOUR CHEST?
STANDS UP
H-HOLD ON A MOMENT!
I'LL BE BACK RIGHT AWAY, SO WAIT FOR ME, JUST LIKE THAT!
EH?
RUN
RUN
RUN
RUN
YOU'VE GOT TO WAIT FOR ME!
AH!

rustle rustle
IF I PUT THIS INSIDE MY NORMAL UNIFORM...
huff
huff
huff
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
RUN
RUN
RUN
boin
SEE, IT'S ALL FLUFFY, HUH?
TADA, HERE'S MY P.E. UNIFORM
IT CAN'T BE LIKE THE REAL THING, THOUGH.

WAH! WAH WAH!
THAT'S FAST, SETO-KUN
FEELS GOOD...
AH...
UHM...
WON'T YOU HOLD ME TIGHTLY?
O-
O-O-OF COURSE I WILL!
tightly
tightly

SETO-KUN.
ARE YOU CRYING ...?
THANKS,
KAE.
A LITTLE BIT.
REALLY?
SEE?

MY EYES LOOK A BIT TEARY, DON'T THEY?
AH, YEAH, THEY DO.
THEY'RE KIND OF CUTE.
DON'T SAY "CUTE"
GASP
EEEEK!
With this pose...?
J-... just what's
Just came back to her senses
THAT'S GREAT! YUP, THAT'S GREAT!
MOVES BACK
EH?

thump
thump
thump
AR- OH, THAT SUR- PRI- SED ME
SO, WHAT ABOUT YOU, KAE?
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE ME TO DO?
HMM?
NO, NOT REALLY!
I'LL PRETEND YOU DIDN'T SAY THAT
BECAUSE I MIGHT WANT TO BORROW YOUR CHEST (WITH YOUR P.E. UNIFORM TUGGED IND AGAIN.
R/P
THIS IS MY EMAIL, ADD IT
EH!

Wow...
NO MATTER IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, OR NOTHING HAPPENS,
WHENEVER YOU NEED ME, JUST TELL ME.
THANKS FOR THE FAKE BREASTS.
SEE YOU.
CLICK

I'm always in standby mode I'll bring my P.E. uniform with me wherever I go (≧V≦)
More than a girlfriend who he can only see 3 days a week,
1, 2, 3!
I want to cheer him up
AH.
7 days a week.
I'LL GO HELP TO KEEP LITTLE BRO-THERE TOO
WOW, LOOK AT HER HAND-WRITING
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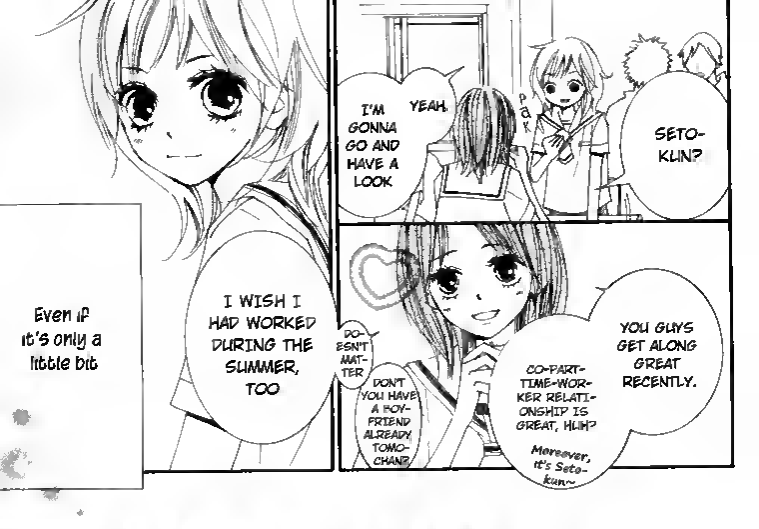
Even if it's only a little bit
I WISH I HAD WORKED DURING THE SUMMER, TOO
DON'T YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND ALREADY, TOMO-CHAN?
DO-ESN'T MAT-TER
YOU GUYS GET ALONG GREAT RECENTLY.
CO-PART-TIME-WOR-KER RELATI-ONSHIP IS GREAT, HUH?
Moreover, it's Seto-kun~
I'M GONNA GO AND HAVE A LOOK
YEAH.
P.D.K.
SETO-KUN?

WHAT KIND OF GUY IS THE ONE YOU USED TO LIKE?
HEY, CAN I ASK?

IS HE THE TYPE THAT I MIGHT WIN AGAINST IN A FIGHT?
...WHO KNOWS.
HEY, IS THAT SOMEONE I KNOW?
YOU DON'T DO THAT KIND OF THING.
ALL RIGHT... IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR MY SPEAKING PRACTICE AFTER LUNCH.
T-THAT'S NOT IT!
AH, COULD HE BE THE SHOP MANAGER WHERE YOU WORKED PART-TIME?!
THAT WON'T HAPPEN. I'M POSITIVE THAT IT WON'T HAPPEN.
W-W-WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT KIND OF THING?
I JUST WANT TO KNOW.
WELL... LEAVING ASIDE THE MATTER OF HITTING HIM OR NOT,
DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, YOU MAY WANT ME TO HIT THAT GUY.
WELL ...

Just what does he mean by that?
IS HE QUESTIONING ME?
H-...
H-?
ABOUT THE GUY THAT YOU USED TO LIKE
J-...
HE'S EXTREMELY EVIL, AND HE LOOKS LIKE A GORILLA.
EH?!
...THE OPPOSITE OF IT.
SO IT'S THE OPPOSITE?
...THE OPPOSITE OF THE OPPOSITE OF THE OPPOSITE OF IT.
I CAN'T TELL WHICH IT IS ANYMORE!
THAT ASIDE, SETO-KUN!
NO TRESPASSING
HUH?
THE SUMMER WILL BE OVER SOON, YOU KNOW?!

SUMMER... SUMMER, HUH? IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER EVEN IF IT'S OVER
THERE WAS PREP SCHOOL, AND WORK, AND A BROKEN HEART... IT'S FULL OF UNTHINKABLE MEMORIES
YES, RIGHT THERE! SENSEI!
OKAY, THE CURLY HAIRED STUDENT OVER THERE
YES!
MAKE SOME ME-MORIES?
IF WE DON'T MAKE SOME NICE MEMORIES, THE SUMMER OF YOUR SECOND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE A TOTAL DISASTER!
IT ONLY APPLIES TO MY SUMMER?
LET'S MAKE SOME MEMORIES OF THIS SUMMER!!
SO, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

CAN WE DO SOMETHING THAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO?
WHAT IS IT?
Urufu
YOU SEE, THE TWO OF US. .
THE TWO OF US?
....
DOES IT HAVE THE LETTER "S" AT THE BE-GINNING?
NO, IT DOESN'T.
... SO,

....
ISN'T THAT TOO COMMON?
FOR SUMMER, THIS CAN NEVER GO WRONG, RIGHT?
TAA-DA!♡
LET'S PLAY WITH FIRE-WORKS.♡
Oh well
THEN
SHALL WE DO IT AROUND HERE?
....
Wow
Playing with fireworks alone with the guy I like...
This is so like in a drama
I can't believe it. It's so amazing
CLACK

AMAZING! AMAZING! SUMMER IS THE BEST!!
RIP
KA-THUNK
!!!
KAE,
IS THERE A PLACE THAT SELLS FIREWORKS AROUND HERE?
NO... THERE'S ONLY A PLACE, BUT IT'S FAR AWAY.
EVEN IF IT'S FAR, IT'S FINE IF WE CAN GO ON THE BIKE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS ..
ALL OF IT... I DROPPED ALL OF IT!
GYAH!
NOOO.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'M SORRY, YOU WENT THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE TO COME HERE.
SOR-RY.
Saying stupp like "Let's make memories" I'm the only one who got all happy by myself.
AH!
LOOK, KAE
THERE'S ONLY ONE THAT DIDN'T GET WET.
WE CAN DO IT.
LET'S PLAY FIRE-WORKS.

HOLD IT OVER THERE, KAE.
I REALLY LOVE THIS SMELL.
ME, TOO.
HOW BEAUTI-FUL...
IT'S EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL WHEN THERE'S ONLY ONE

It'd be great
If this small fire of this firework
Could forever and ever shine
In Se-to-kun's memories of this summer.
AH...
IT'S GONNA RUN OUT.
DO YOUR BEST.
DO YOUR BEST...

I'M SURE
That he must have wanted to play Fireworks with that girl
SUMMER IS ENDING, TOO, HUH?
AH, IT RAN OUT.
SORRY, KAE.
IT'S ONLY ME KEEPING YOU COMPANY.
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
Of course it can't be like that.
That's wrong.
That's wrong, Seto-kun.

I'm really happy that I was able to play fireworks with you
Yank
I'm really, really happy
I feel really, really blessed.

IDIOT!
YOU ALWAYS WORRY ABOUT ME
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S PUSHING YOURSELF!

SE-...
That his arms are to comfort me because of my broken heart
I know.
But I couldn't tell him that he got it wrong.
To be in the arms for a little bit longer.
Because I wanted

But
This must be all I can take.
IF HE KNOWS THE TRUTH,
I WONDER IF HE'LL BE ANGRY..
Urgh~~~
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT JUST DO YOUR BEST OKAY?
ODD
AH, SETO-KUN.
Morning
HI.

EH? ISN'T THAT YOU?
IT'S NOT ME.
... HEY,
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GUY THAT KAE LIKED UNTIL RECENTLY?
KAE ISN'T HERE YET.
I SEE.
AH, SHE LIKED FURUKAWA-KUN WHEN SHE WAS IN GRADE 8.
NO, SOMEONE MORE RECENT.
THEN I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE LIKE THAT.
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING LIKE THAT FROM HER.

run
run
run
KAE!
SORRY, I PROBABLY SAID SOMETHING WEIRD TO SETO-KUN.
"And then, he went away somewhere, looking really scary"
SETO-KUN!

HEY, THAT HURTS!
WHACK
HEY!
WAIT FOR ME!
walks away briskly
WAI-
THEN, KAE,
I HEARD FROM TOMO-CHAN JUST NOW, SO...
ANSWER ME JUST ONE THING.
WHO BROKE YOUR HEART?

I'LL ANSWER, SO LISTEN CAREFULLY.
OKAY.
SORRY,
I DIDN'T HAVE MY HEART BROKEN
HEH, I SEE...
THAT'S ENOUGH. I GOT IT.
All right All right
WHACK
HEY, YOU!
LISTEN TO ME UNTIL THE END!!

I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS LOST,
BUT ON THE CONTRARY, IT KEEPS GROWING AND GROWING, TO THE POINT THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
MORE THAN THE LAST DAY OF OUR JOB, WHEN I INTENDED TO TELL YOU THAT I LOVE YOU,
MUCH MORE THAN THAT DAY,

WAIT A MOMENT, KAE!
I'M GOING THERE RIGHT NOW!
SETO-KUN...!
THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE
RIGHT NOW, I'M MUCH MORE IN LOVE WITH YOU

THE DOOR IS OPEN HERE...
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU
MY FIELD OF VISION IS NARROW.
FOR A WHILE NOW,
YOU'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONE THAT I LOOK AT.

I'M GLAD...
I'M REALLY GLAD THAT YOUR FIELD OF VISION IS NARROW...
....
Can't say anything
7 days a week, 24 hours a day,
Come on, let's start where we left off in the middle of summer
THERE'S ALSO ONE FAVOR I'D LIKE TO ASK .
HMM?
STOP PUTTING YOUR P.E. UNIFORM IN YOUR NORMAL UNIFORM, OKAY?
<THE END>

The story behind "7 Days a Week"

When I was drawing Kae's hair, it kept getting more and more curly, so when I finally realized it when I was halfway through, I had to go back and redraw the whole thing... I played with some fireworks after the manuscript was finished, but it didn't smell very nice... How strange.

KAE

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In Love

HEEEY!
I FOUND THE BALL!
AH!
OKAY
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SAYA?
PHEW.
Thanks!

EEH?
IT'S A PAIN, SO I'LL JUST JUMP DOWN FROM HERE
YEAH.
BE CAREFUL, THE GIRL OVER THERE.
HERE WE GO...
SWING
!

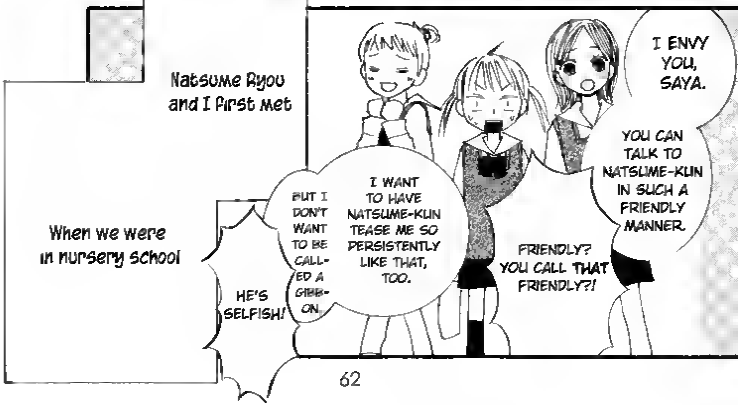
RYO-
Natsume Ryou!!
lands
ALL RIGHT, GOTTA GET TO CLASS
pat pat pat
WOW... I DON'T OFTEN GET TO SEE A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIKE YOU
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GIBBON...
TWITCH
Here it comes.

ACTUALLY, BECAUSE OF SO-AND-SO AND SUCH-AND-SUCH,
KOTONE-CHAAAN!!
HEH...
SO YOU JUST HAPPENED TO PASS BY,
AND YOU HELPED TAKE DOWN THE BALL OF THE SOCCER CLUB THAT WAS STUCK ON THE ROOF WHILE SHOWING THEM YOUR PANTIES..
ARE YOU STUPID?
Natsume Ryou
I-I WASN'T SHOWING MY PANTIES!
DON'T WORRY, NO ONE WOULD CARE TO LOOK AT IT.
HEY, YOU!
Is the natural enemy of me, Sakamoto Saya
... PFFT
DON'T ACTUALLY LAUGH, BASTARD!!
He always finds delight in ridiculing me and teasing me.
HAH...
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HAVING TO BE IN THE SAME CLASS AS SOMEONE LIKE YOU AGAIN,
IT'S SO PATHETIC AND LAUGHABLE...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'M VERY GLAD TO HAVE BEEN OF HELP TO YOU.
I EXPECT NO LESS FROM YOU, NATSUME!
Good morning
THE DATA FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETING THE OTHER DAY WAS PERFECT.
But what I hate the most
Morning
Morning
HEY, NATSUME.
YO!
WHAT'S UP, NATSUME?
HEY.
THAT'S NATSUME-SENPAI!
Good Morning
Kyah
Kyah
Is that for some reason, he's very popular with other people!!

THUD
III-A
EVERYONE! DON'T BE TRICKED! THIS GUY ISN'T LIKE WHAT YOU THINK!
WAKE UP FROM YOUR DREAM!
AH, COME TO THINK OF IT,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FORGOT TO BRING THOSE WITH YOU.
HUH?!
Mom! How many times have I told you not to ask him to do favors for you?!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH... FOR THE TROUBLE
YOUR MOM ASKED ME TO GIVE THEM TO YOU.
Ah...
THOSE ARE YOUR P.E. UNIFORM AND P.E. SHOES!
TWITCH
SINCE THIS MORNING, I'VE BEEN KIND OF TIRED...
HAH... THEY'RE QUITE HEAVY.

Black!!!
B-...
SO, DO CLEANING DUTY IN MY PLACE TODAY,
SAYA-CHAN.
Frightening, black, and dark!
I'm at a loss for words!


Natsume Ryou and I first met
When we were in nursery school
I ENVY YOU, SAYA.
YOU CAN TALK TO NATSUME-KUN IN SUCH A FRIENDLY MANNER.
FRIENDLY? YOU CALL THAT FRIENDLY?!
I WANT TO HAVE NATSUME-KUN TEASE ME SO PERSISTENTLY LIKE THAT, TOO.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE CALLED A GIBBON.
HE'S SELFISH!

SAYA, 5 YEARS OLD
WAH... NATSUME-KUN IS SO COOL!
KYAH
KYAH
KYAH
Wah...
How beautiful...
thump

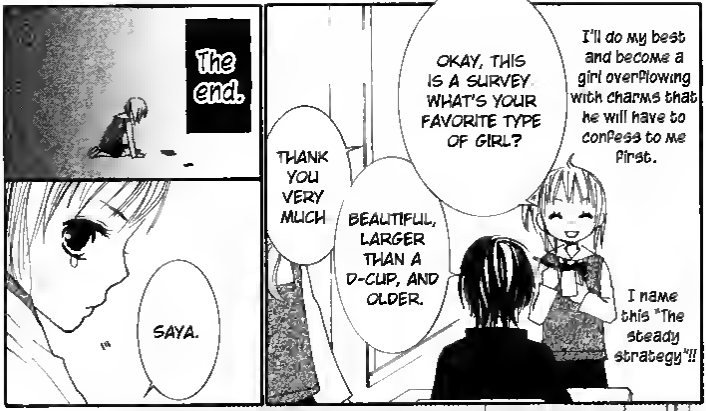
cart-horse B
... PFFT.
cart-horse A
SHOCKED
THAT COSTUME LOOKS GREAT ON YOU.
Was the beginning of my black history.
This moment...
DESPITE ALL THAT,
AND YET,
Ever since then and up until now, when I'M a 9th grader, my life has been oppressed and trampled on...

WHY DO I
STILL LOVE A GUY LIKE HIM?!
SAYA,
YOU USED TO PLAY HERE A LOT WITH NATSUME-KUN, RIGHT?
WELL, YEAH. YOU CAN SAY THAT I PLAYED HERE, OR I WAS PLAYED AROUND WITH HERE, THOUGH...
FOR A LONG TIME, HE HASN'T BEEN COMING HERE,
BUT I LIKE THIS PLACE

I WONDER
A TOY, I GUESS?
KOTONE-CHAN!!
WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT ME
THEN WHY DON'T YOU TRY CONFESSING TO HIM?
FREEZE
HUH?
I LOVE YOU.
MOREOVER, IF I WERE TO CONFESS TO HIM...
THAT WILL NEVER EVER HAPPEN!
SHAKE SHAKE

gasp
fuhahahahaha
YOU LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?
Without fail, for the rest of my life, my position will always be under him
FLINCH
I'LL HAVE TO WALK THE PATH OF A CART-HORSE!!
NO WAY! I ABSOLUTELY DON'T WANT, THAT!!
HEEEY!
There's no way I can do something so convenient
As to try to know his real feelings for me without voicing my own feelings for him first

AS LONG AS HE STILL DOESN'T CONFESS TO ME FIRST.
He doesn't
Confess First
THIS IS IT!
This is the only way.
WHAT?


The end.
SAYA.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
OKAY, THIS IS A SURVEY. WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF GIRL?
BEAUTIFUL, LARGER THAN A D-CUP, AND OLDER.
I'll do my best and become a girl overflowing with charms that he will have to confess to me first.
I name this "The steady strategy"!!

WON'T YOU GO AND ASK OTHER GUYS, TOO?
SAYA, COME HERE A MOMENT
Damn it! I'm not gonna lose!
HMM?
OF COURSE I WILL!!

I DROPPED MY PENCIL THERE. CAN YOU PICK IT UP?
HMM?
YOU DON'T MIND HIGH PLACES, RIGHT?
The width is about 20cm, huh?
I guess I'll be fine.
GRAB
YEAH, NO WOR-...

RYO-
GIVE IT UP.

YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT
Yeah. I'm sorry, too
SORRY, SAYA
SO I THINK IT'S BETTER TO BORROW A LADDER.
IF SHE FALLS DOWN AND DIES, IT'LL LEAVE A BAD AFTERTASTE
...I MEAN, THIS GIRL IS JUST AN IDIOT WHO LOVES HIGH PLACES.
Even if she's a ribbon, there's a limit to it.
Let's go
AH...
YOU'RE UNNECESSARILY MEDDLESOME, IDIOT.

I know that he's kind.
JEEZ...
He fills my inside, one grain at a time
Just like gems,
AAH...
WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

COME TO THINK OF IT,
WHEN I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL, I ONCE TRIED TO CONFESS TO HIM.
On a pole of this jungle-gym,
I wrote something that looked like "I love you."
WHERE DID I WRITE THAT?
In the end, I couldn't show it to him, though.
It's already been 4 years since then after all.
There's no way it'd still be here...

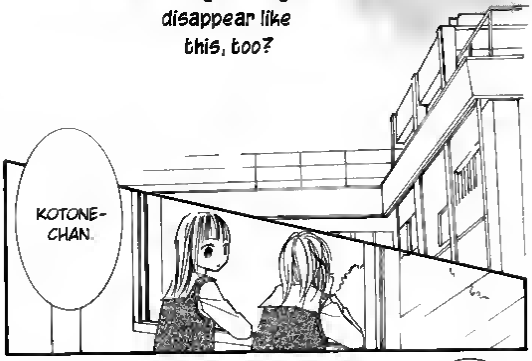
Black king

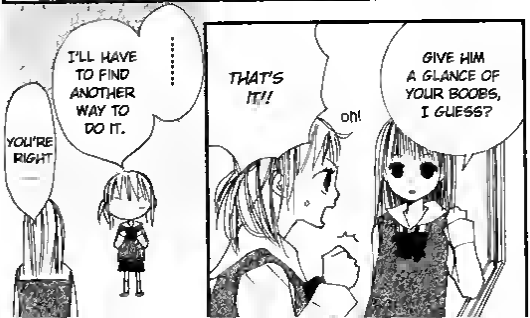
About Natsume Ryou

After I debuted, I didn't often have fun while drawing (that's because I'm too busy while drawing that I don't have a chance to think about anything else...), but for some reason, drawing Natsume Ryou was really fun. I remember feeling really sad when I drew the last of him in my head, I imagined about 100 pages more of these two's story, but I've forgotten most of them... If there's another chance, I would like to draw more of Natsume Ryou somewhere.

Oh! That's my first ¼ space. Congrats!!!

FUJIMIYA AYU





How he made my heart race that time
Just like
YES, SIR.
SORRY, BUT COULD YOU DISTRIBUTE THESE PRINT-OUTS FOR THE CLASS?
WHAM
AH!
Yeah.
Can't be helped. Guess we'll go back to the classroom.
Sorry
It'd be great if I could make him feel that way, too.
HEY, YOU TWO OVER THERE

I MESSED UP.
RUSTLE
WAH!
sits down
IDIOT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SAYA?
!
AH...!
RYOU..

DAZED
End of imagination
HEE-EY.
Wonderful♥
S-SORRY
snatch back

pant pant pant
WHAT?
Are you a pervert?
THIS ISN'T BAD, KOTONE-CHAN!
I'll name it
CLENCH
This isn't bad.

The hand-touching-hand, heart-racing <3 strategy
That I've always wanted to try out once!!
THUD
Bundle
All right, here I go!
I messed up! I picked up the whole bundle!
SHOCKED
turns around

He won't pick them up for me!!
RUSTLE
Glance
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR!
WHOOSH
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING
FOR A WHILE NOW?

WAH...!
WAH WAH WAH!
WAH WAH WAH.
Waaaah! I totally messed up!!
heads down
AH, SOR-...
WAH
EH! WHERE?!
THERE'S ONE UNDER THE CHAIR OVER THERE, TOO.

.....
Patti
!
!!!
WHAM
HUH?
HUH?
WHAT'S WITH THIS CLASS-ROOM?!

TRUDGE
TRUDGE
TRUDGE
TRUDGE
TRUDGE
TRUDGE
HAH...
I THOUGHT I'D DIE.
HEY.
FLINCH
...

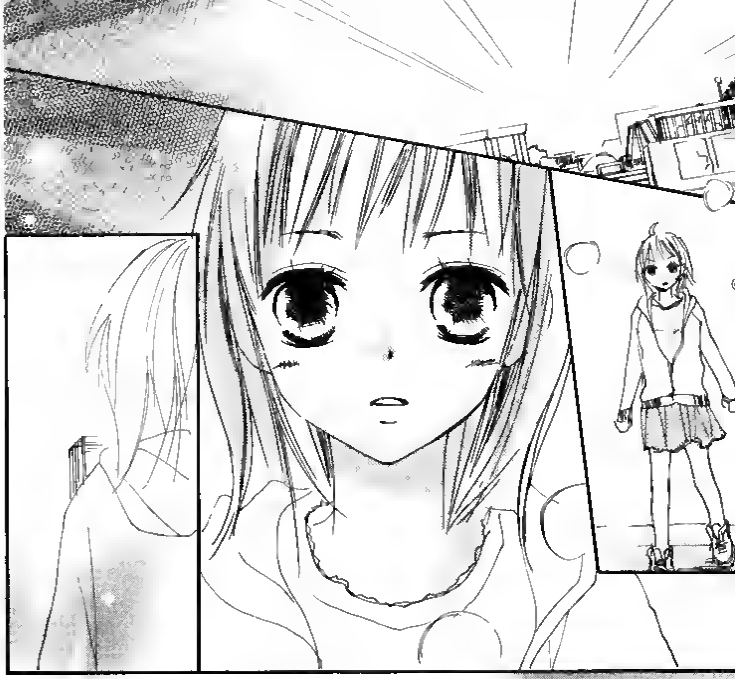
EH!
DON'T TELL ME, YOU WERE WAI-
I WASN'T.
I was basking in the sun.
I'M SOR-RY.
YOU TOOK 5 MINUTES TO WALK 10M.
DON'T WALK AROUND DROWSILY WHILE LOOKING DOWN.
BUT HEY...
ARE YOU PLOTTING SOMETHING?
TH-...
OH WELL.
IT'S TO-TALLY OBVI-OUS
RECENTLY, YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD, RIGHT? ANYONE CAN TELL.
Crap!! Did he realize it?!!!
...W-WHY?!

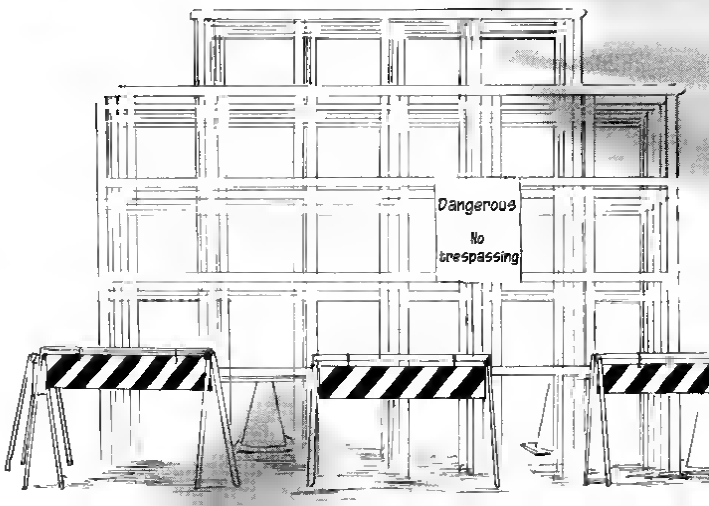
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, BUT IT'S USELESS NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO...
BECAUSE I KNOW ALL OF YOUR WEAKNESSES.

EH...?
WHAT? WHAT? WHAT? WHAT? WHAT...?
WHO KNOWS
ISN'T IT BETTER FOR YOU NOT TO KNOW?
He's super black...
I was an idiot to try to deal with someone like him.
GREAT DEVIL LORD OF DARKNESS...
And then

EH!
I don't know if the Great Devil Lord of Darkness called forth calamity or not
DEMOLISH?!
THE JUNGLE-GYM IN THE PARK?!

YOU SHOULD STOP CLIMBING ON IT, TOO...
OH MY?
NO WAY.
THEY SAID THAT THEY'LL REPLACE IT WITH A NEW ONE NEXT WEEK
WELL, IT'S OLD AFTER ALL.
Saya's mom
APPARENTLY, THERE'S A KID WHO GOT HURT THERE BECAUSE OF A RUSTY PART




Dangerous
No
trespassing

YOU REALLY LOVE HIGH PLACES, HUH?

RYOU...
DON'T OPENLY ENTER A PLACE WHERE IT SAYS "NO TRESPASSING."
Wipe
Wipe
IT'S DANGEROUS, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT.
ON THE SURFACE, IT'S ALL WORN-OUT, BUT THE INSIDE IS STILL STEADY.

BUT IT'S A FACT THAT SOMEONE GOT HURT.
...WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED, RIGHT?
IT'S GOTTEN OLD AFTER ALL.
ARE YOU FINE WITH IT?
ARE YOU FINE WITH THIS BEING TAKEN AWAY?!
YOU DON'T KNOW
JUST HOW MANY MEMORIES I HAVE HERE!

YOU'RE LYING!
I KNOW!
I DO! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THEM YET!
THEY DON'T HAVE A SINGLE IMPORTANT MEMORY HERE!
EVERYONE JUST FORGETS ABOUT THEM!
.....
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FORGOT.
WHAT IS IT?
SAYA.

GET DOWN 3 STEPS FROM THERE
HUH?
WHY?!
JUST DO IT
3?
mmbb
mmbb
YEAH
I GOT DOWN.
KEEP IT THAT WAY, AND TAKE ONE STEP BEHIND YOU
TAKE 2 STEPS TO THE RIGHT
LOOK AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SUN.
URGH
THAT'S THE LEFT.
UNDER YOUR LEFT HAND
This way?

I LOVE RYOU SAYA
UNDER
MY LEFT HAND..?
AAH!!
AH...
THIS IS WHAT I WROTE!!
It's still here!!

EH? WHY?!
WHY DO YOU KNOW OF THIS PLACE?!
I!! Love!! Ryou!! Saya!!
Uwah! He read this...
blush
Saya, grade 5
NATSUME RYOU! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU!!
WHY?
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT?
HA-HA-HA!
BUT I WROTE IT ON ONE OF THE POLES OF THAT JUNGLE-GYM!
HA-HA-HA!
IF YOU CAN FIND IT, TRY AND FIND IT!

hmph
MO-RON...
Are you all right in your brain...?
YOU SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AND LAUGHED WITH YOUR NOSE!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WROTE IT THERE, IDIOT.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH TROUBLE
I HAD TO GO THROUGH TO FIND IT?

AH...
HOLD ON...
...EH? THEN...
.....
I SAID WAIT A MINUTE!!
EH!! WAIT, RYOU!
YOUR STUPIDITY IS CONTAGIOUS
ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING HOME.

HOLD IT, NATSUME RYOU!!
YOU LIKE ME, DON'T YOU?!!

stops
HUH?
Uwah!!
EEEEK
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
NO! I JUST THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY
THAT MAYBE YOU DON'T HATE ME THAT MUCH
THAT THOUGHT SUDDENLY CROSSED MY MIND, AND THEN...

I LIKE YOU.
I GOT TOO CARRIED AWAY...
SOR-RY.
!

R-...
R-R-REALLY?
WHAT WOULD I GET OUT OF LYING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
I PROBABLY LOVE YOU ABOUT 10 TIMES MORE THAN YOU THINK I DO.
SORRY ABOUT THAT!
(Defiant)
T-THANKS...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
ABOUT THAT...
SHAKE
My legs turned into water...
ズル
SLIP
WAH!

がしっ
GRAB
SAYA!
THAT SCARED ME...
hides

SHOCKED
Crap! He probably would have held me!!
SAYA.
DID YOU HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS JUST NOW?!
Ryou— that Natsume Ryou did!!
AH!
WHATEVER, JUST HURRY UP AND COME DOWN HERE!

I'll always write
The letters
of "Love" in my heart
So that it won't disappear.
《The End》

Happy Birthday
Oswari Team!
Our anniversary no.
thank you to all of oswari's staffers for their great dedication and love for abuse over this past year~
Oswari Team's
1st anniversary!

Hello, everyone!

We do-hoo, we're one year old now! For the past year we've had many rounds of laughs, crazy releasing, staff missing, new people coming, lots of laughing, crying and the most important, lots and lots of fun! We hope there's still a long way to go before we retire as scanlators, and we hope you will continue to support us like you do now! We love you!

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●収録作品●
週7
LOVE中
恋ノ果実
sweet little winter

誰も出ると思ってなかった
コミックスが出ました。
ひそかに応援して下さった皆様
どうもありがとうございました。
（藤宮）

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I'M SO SLEEPY.
Somehow, I feel like
My seat is the one in the furthest back, near the windows.
I'm getting more and more lethargic...
The Fruit of Love
(whisper)
YUZUHARA-SAN.
LOOM

恋ノ果実
こいのかじつ
The Fruit of Love

SHUHEI

WAH!
SHH! SHH!
SHH!
I'M SORRY FOR SURPRISING YOU. I'M DEFINITELY NOT A BAD GUY!
I'M TOODA SHUUHEI, A FRESHMAN. I'M ONE YEAR YOUNGER THAN YOU.
HOW DO YOU DO?
H-HOW DO YOU DO...?
.....
FLINCH
EH! WHAT?!
WOW... THIS IS REALLY AMAZING.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? THIS IS AWESOME I REALLY TALKED WITH YUZUHARA-SAN.
WOW...

UHM...
THIS MIGHT BE A BIT WEIRD, SINCE YOU'RE IN CLASS,
BUT YUZUHARA MAI-SAN,
PLEASE DATE ME
SNIFF
AH, I'M SORRY, I SNEEZED
CRAP, I WAS SO LOUD
HUH?!
clatter
ACCHOO!
DA-

Whisper
DON'T JOKE AROUND HURRY UP AND GO BACK TO YOUR CLASSROOM.
I'M NOT JOKING AROUND
EVEN IF WE DATE, I DON'T THINK ABOUT DOING PERVERTED STUFF RIGHT AWAY AT ALL.
So he does think about that stuff?!!
GLARE
I don't know what this is all about,
But what's with this freshman? All of a sudden, he
HEY, YOU.
YES?
ANYWAY, I DON'T HAVE THAT INTENTION.
WHY DON'T YOU ASK SOMEONE ELSE?
SAD
Wah...!
SORRY, I SAID A BIT TOO MUCH.
I'M REALLY THANKFUL FOR YOUR FEELING, BUT
THEN LET'S DO THIS!

WHEN WILL YOU CHANGE YOUR SEAT NEXT?
...IN ONE MONTH.
UNTIL THEN, I'LL COME HERE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.
WOULD YOU KEEP ME COMPANY FOR JUST A LITTLE BIT?
...IS IT NO GOOD?
Stop looking like that...
I-... IT'S FINE.
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR LESSONS?
AND THEN, IF YOU STILL CAN'T LIKE ME, I'LL COMPLETELY GIVE UP ON YOU.
I WILL TRY NOT TO INTERFERE WITH YOUR LESSONS AS MUCH AS I CAN.
YAY!

AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
BOWS
THEN,
I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF FOR TODAY.
OKAY..
THIS IS
JUST BETWEEN US..
And thus
itchy
gyah
JUST KIDDING!
UHM...
itchy
itchy
itchy
itchy

THAT WAS QUITE A SNEEZE
ACHOO!
YOSHII-CHAN IS INTERESTING, HUH?
WERE YOU SCARED, MAI? YOU SIT RIGHT BEHIND HIM AFTER ALL.
HEY, LISTEN.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S NOT EXCITING IF THE GUY IS THE SAME AGE AS YOU?
.....
MAI?
HUH?!
YOU'RE ACTING KIND OF STRANGE TODAY, HUH?

The one month between Shouhei and me
Started
CHAT-TER
CHAT-TER
CHAT-TER
bye bye

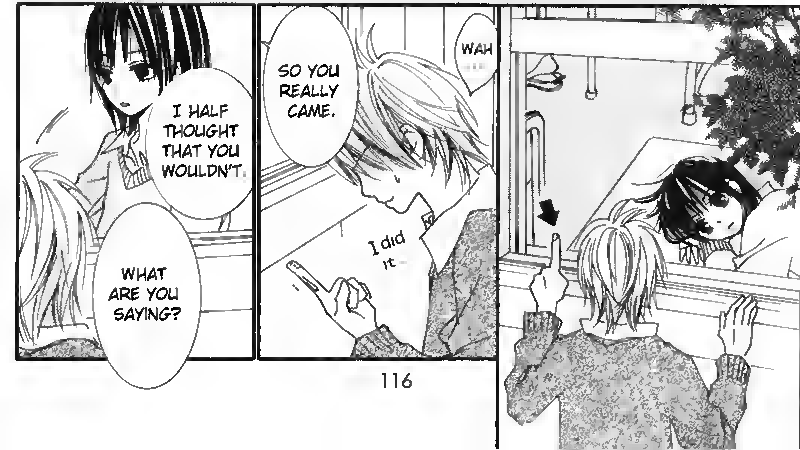
I-it's not like I'm keeping a promise with him, okay?
WHAT IS IT? GEEZ.
NO.. NOTHING.

LET'S GO HOME MAI
YOU SPACE OUT MOST OF THE TIME.
WELL, RECENTLY,

SPACING OUT
This is just between us.
WELL..

LIKE I SAID, WE'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO A GUY.
WHAT A WASTE. YOU'LL BE 17 SOON..
AH!
LIKE I SAID, RIGHT NOW, I DON'T FEEL LIKE...
MAI! LET'S PASS BY THE STREET OVER THERE WHILE GOING HOME!
HUH?
Ah
It's the track-and-field club
COME ON.
IT'S FINE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO CONSIDERATE ABOUT ME.
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN CONTINUE CLUB PRACTICE FOREVER AFTER ALL.
This summer,
I got hurt, so I quit track-and-field, which I've been doing since grade school.
Ever since then, the people around me started treating me very cautiously.
Is it because I'm pitiful?
Is it because I'm pathetic?

Even though it's no big deal.
The air outside feels good
Quitting running is really no big deal
POP'S UP
HEY, HELLO.
I'M JUJUBE!


I HALF THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULDN'T.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
SO YOU REALLY CAME.
WAH...
I did it

THOSE WHO HAVE FINISHED UNTIL THIS PART, BRING YOUR PRINT-OUT TO THE FRONT.
...!
FROM NOW ON, I'LL DESPERATELY
TRY TO MAKE ADVANCES ON YOU.
clatter clatter
.....
WHY?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME ANYWAY.
I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED AT YOU
RUNNING ON THE GROUND

DURING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL,
YOU ONCE CAME TO MY SCHOOL DURING A DISTRICT COMPETITION.
Ah- I go to Higashi junior high
THAT WAS THE BEGINNING
BUT
YOU GAVE IT YOUR ALL INTO CHEERING
FOR YOUR FRIENDS, WHO PARTICIPATED AFTER THAT.
WELL, AT THAT POINT, YOU WERE ALREADY THE ONLY ONE IN MY FIELD OF VISION, YUZUHARA-SAN.
ehe♥
AT FIRST, I CAME TO SEE BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A REALLY CUTE GIRL.
WHACK
BUT AS IT TURNS OUT, YOUR FORM WAS BEAUTIFUL.
BUT YOUR TIME WAS SO-SO

I THOUGHT "WOW, THIS GIRL REALLY LOVES TRACK-AND-FIELD."
AFTER THAT, I'D GO TO SEE YOU RUN AFTER SCHOOL EVERY NOW AND THEN
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY TALKING TO YOU SOMEDAY,
BUT
YOU STOPPED RUNNING, DIDN'T YOU?
SLAM
UWAH!
WHACK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT'S WRONG, YUZUHARA?
I'M SORRY THERE'S A STRANGE BUG..
PLEASE CONTINUE
BUG
...IT'S A PITY THEN.
I'VE TURNED OUT LIKE THIS NOW.

ARE YOU DISILLUSIONED?
YOU MUST BE DISAPPOINTED, HUH? I GAVE IT UP SO EASILY.
OR DID YOU COME HERE TO LECTURE ME?
LIKE, "TRY RUNNING ONE MORE TIME," OR SOMETHING...
DID YOU COME HERE TO TELL ME SOMETHING LIGHT-HEARTED?
I WON'T.
BECAUSE, THIS IS PROBABLY A CONCLUSION
THAT YOU THOUGHT ABOUT REALLY HARD, TO THE POINT THAT YOU COULD DIE, RIGHT?

...!
...WHAT'S WITH THAT "TO THE POINT THAT YOU COULD DIE" PART?
SAYING IT AS IF YOU UNDER-STAND...
It's not that it doesn't matter
Because running
Was every-thing to me
I'M SORRY, YUZUHARA-SAN.
THAT'S RIGHT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME DURING CLASS?
I'M SORRY.
But I feel a bit more at ease now.
I'M GOING BACK FOR TODAY.
I'LL COME AGAIN.

SORRY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN?
BYE...
AH!
AND THIS IS JUUBEI!
Today, for the first time,
SHUUHEI.
I'M TOODA SHUUHEI "SHUU" FROM "ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP"!
GIGGLE
I carved your name into my heart.

SHUU...
Gradually,
It started to melt, like cube sugar
HEL
Today is a day that he'll probably come.
DING DONG
FIDGET
FIDGET
DING DONG
GASP
This is for Mai
And then
ding dong
Shuuhei always comes on the same days of the week and at around the same time.
YOSHII-KUN IS FUNNY, HUH?
HE WENT TO THE RESTROOM ALL OF A SUDDEN DURING CLASS
.....
HEY, EVERYONE
THAT ASIDE, LISTEN UP. ON SECOND THOUGHT, FRESHMEN ARE NO GOOD. THEY'RE JUST BRATS.
Are you listening?
HAVE SOME COOKIES
I MADE TOO MUCH
AH, THANKS.

What am I getting so fidgety about?
It's not like I'm waiting for him.
THUMP
YUZUHARA-SAN.
HI.
H-H-HI.
FU...
EH!
NO, I DON'T MEAN IT IN ANY STRANGE WAY.
AH!
WOW, IT'S A THRILL EVERY TIME...
I ALWAYS WONDER WHAT I'D DO IF THE WINDOWS ARE CLOSED...
I WON'T DO THAT.
D-
DO YOU WANT SOME? I ONLY HAVE 2 LEFT, THOUGH.
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
stare
YOU HAVE COOK-IES.
YEAH

AH, I SEE
THAT'S NOT IT A GIRL IN MY CLASS MADE THEM
COULD IT BE THAT YOU MADE...
OH?
YEAH
DO YOU LOVE COOKIES?
OKAY
CRUNCH CRUNCH
BUT I'M STILL HAPPY.
Huh?
What's with me?
EH?
SURPRISED
SHUT UP, NO ARGUING ABOUT IT

Somehow, I really
W-
WAIT, SHUU-... HE-
LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL GET CALLED ON TODAY, YUZUHARA-SAN...
NEXT, STARTING FROM QUESTION 2, THE 4 PEOPLE BEHIND YAMAMOTO
NOISY
NOISY
NOISY
GEH
NOISY
Some-how
NOISY
NOISY
THEN I'LL GO BACK FOR TODAY.
EH! Already?
Want to make cookies
H-HEY,
CAN YOU COME TOMORROW?

NO.
S-S-SORRY! IT'S FINE IF YOU CAN'T.
WH ACK
I'LL ABSOLUTELY COME
EVEN IF THERE'S A STORM
Power is gushing forth in me
From a place totally different from usual
BUT I'LL DO MY BEST!
What's the name of this power?
COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER MADE PASTRIES SINCE GRADE 9.
YEP.

Almost didn't sleep last night
...EH!
HAVE SOME IF YOU'D LIKE...
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
SENSEI, ISN'T THIS FORMULA WRONG?
SHH!
GASP
LIWAN, I WANT TO EAT THEM.. I WANT TO EAT THEM..
I'M GOING TO WASH MY HAND ASAP!
AH!
THEN...
I CAN'T USE DIRTY HANDS TO HOLD SOMETHING THAT YOU WENT THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE TO MAKE FOR ME..
BUT JUST NOW, I PUT MY HANDS ON THE GROUND.
WHAT? WHERE?
WELL..
YOU REALLY MADE COOKIES FOR ME..

FEED
YOU...?
SHALL I
THEN, PLEASE DO.
I will take your offer
!!
FORGET THAT! I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY...
THEN HERE I GO...
It's only 1 or 2 cookies!
Now that I think about it more, this is like
This is where I have to act like the older one
rustle

A lovey-dovey couple
Or newlyweds
CHOMP
Uwah...!
throb
What's this? What's this?!
clatter
gasp
Crap, the teacher...

!!
one more
CHOMP
clatter
.....
.....
.....
HAH...
I-thank goodness that it's only Yoshi-kun...
HEH
Come to think of it, he's never asked me up until now...
Somehow, he seems pathetic
YUZUHARA-SAN.

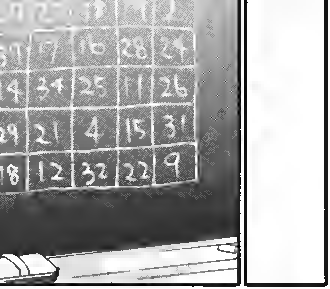
Just like the green trees in a deep forest
THE COOKIES WERE GREAT.
Gives out oxygen.
Shuuhei
Blows strength into me
GETTING HURT WAS JUST AN EXCUSE FOR ME TO DECIDE TO STOP RUNNING.
Because I always felt that was my limit
I DON'T REGRET IT, BUT I THOUGHT THAT I TRIED SO HARD, BUT I DIDN'T LEAVE A SINGLE MARK BEHIND.
I'M SCARED OF STARTING SOMETHING NEW, TOO.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW TOUGH TRAINING IS.
DURING THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU,
FOR THE OTHER PARTICI-PANTS?
DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU TRIED SO HARD TO CHEER
BECAUSE IN YOU, THERE WAS THE HAPPINESS OF BEING ABLE TO USE ALL YOUR POWER,
AND THE REGRET AND IRRITATION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO USE ALL YOUR POWER. THERE WAS EVERYTHING IN YOU.
THAT'S WHY IT'S DEFINITELY NOT TRUE
THAT YOU DIDN'T LEAVE A SINGLE MARK BEHIND.

AND I THINK THAT YOU MUST BE QUITE SOMETHING FOR BEING ABLE TO MAKE ME SO HEAD-OVER-HEEL FOR YOU...
mumble
mumble
Shouhei
IT WILL BLOOM, AND IT WILL BECOME FRUITS
I wonder if I can
start something again
At that time
HOT!
WAH!
SOMEHOW, I FELT LIKE I WAS BURNT WITH A REALLY HOT LOOK FROM YOU , !
BLUSH
It'd be great

AHAHAHA!
If I can start it with Shouhei
WHO'S LAUGHING OVER THERE?
AH!
I'M SORRY.

FOR A MOMENT THERE, I THOUGHT I WAS KILLED
NAH ..
SHUUHEI?
BY YOUR SMILE, YUZUHARA-SAN.
JUST KIDDING
Our 1 month will run out soon
And yet



Without waiting for the end of the promised one month,

Leaving me with his best smile himself,

Shuuhei suddenly disappeared from my sight

Since he hasn't been coming, I started with going to the freshmen's classrooms.
TOODA SHUUHEI?
THERE'S NO ONE LIKE THAT IN MY CLASS..
In the end,
He's not even among all the students of my school
I CHANGED MY SEAT.
This is the last class already!
HUH?!
WHY?!
EVEN IF YOU ASK ME WHY ..
STUPID SHUUHEI.

Who are you? Where have you gone?
Isn't there
Anything I can do except for spacing out and waiting for you here?
SHUU-HEI...
Can't I
Ever see you again?
CURRENTLY, HE CAN'T COME TO SCHOOL.

TURNS
Y-...
YOSHII-KUN ..? HOW COME YOU KNOW ABOUT...
I WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AS HIM.
HE HAS A HEREDITARY HEART DISEASE.
EVER SINCE HE WAS SMALL, HE'S BEEN GOING IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.
ACTUALLY, HE'S HOSPITALIZED RIGHT NOW, TOO,
SINCE HE'S GOING TO HAVE A BIG OPERATION SOON.
SO ACTUALLY, HE'S THE SAME AGE AS US.
HE HAD TO REPEAT A YEAR.

BUT CASUALLY I
TOLD HIM THAT YOU DON'T SEEM CHEERFUL AFTER YOU QUIT TRACK-AND-FIELD,
SO HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU BEFORE HIS OPERATION, NO MATTER WHAT.
SO THAT YOU WOULDN'T FEEL BAD FOR HIM OR ANYTHING
HE FORCEFULLY GOT PERMISSION FROM THE HOSPITAL TO GO BACK HOME EVERY NOW AND THEN
AND HE'S BEEN COMING HERE WHILE PRETENDING TO BE OUR STUDENT
REALLY, FROM WHEN WE WERE IN JUNIOR HIGH,
HE HAS ALWAYS GONE ON AND ON ABOUT HOW PRETTY AND CUTE YOU ARE
AH, BY THE WAY, I DID SOMETHING TO THE SEATING ORDER SO THAT ..
YOU WOULD
YANK
UWAH!
I'M VERY SORRY!

WHERE'S SHUUHEI RIGHT NOW?
.....
HURRY UP!
IN THE HOSPITAL THAT'S ATTACHED TO N UNIVERSITY.
DASH
YUZUHARA-SAN!
...
THIS ISN'T SYMPATHY OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?

DING DONG
YOU'VE ALWAYS PROTECTED US
WHILE SITTING IN FRONT OF ME, RIGHT?
DING DONG
DING DONG
THANK YOU.
DING DONG
SHUUHE!...
YOU REALLY HAVE EYES FOR GIRLS,
HEY!
THE LESSON WILL START SOON!

I
I
SWISH

SWISH
SWISH
SHUU-HEI...
Shouhei
Shouhei
SWISH
...!
Shouhei
SWISH
SWISH

AH...
AH! THAT STUPID YOSHII...
Flusta-red
Flusta-red
AH! EEH?!
WHY... WHY ARE YOU HERE, YUZUHARA-SAN?!

RIGHT NOW,
I'M STANDING
ON THE SAME LEVEL AS YOU, FOR THE FIRST TIME...
IT FEELS STRANGE...
I'M IN THE SAME PLACE AS YOU
WITHOUT A WALL BETWEEN US.
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH

YEAH.
IT FEELS STRANGE.
He's tall...
Darn
WHY DID YOU...
ACT COOL ALL BY YOURSELF AND DISAPPEARED...?
AH...!
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT CHEERED UP?!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
THAT'S NOT TRUE, YUZUHARA-SAN.

I DIDN'T GO THERE ONLY TO CHEER YOU UP.
I THOUGHT
THAT I'LL ABSOLUTELY BE CURED, AND I'LL GO THERE ONCE AGAIN.
YOU SAVED ME FROM THE CRUSHING FEELING
OF ANXIETY BEFORE MY OPERATION.
I THOUGHT SO
BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE FOR ME.
I'LL BE WAITING.
OKAY.
I'LL BE WAITING, OKAY?

...
YUZUHARA-
SAN
PLEASE
GIVE
ME ONE
CHARM

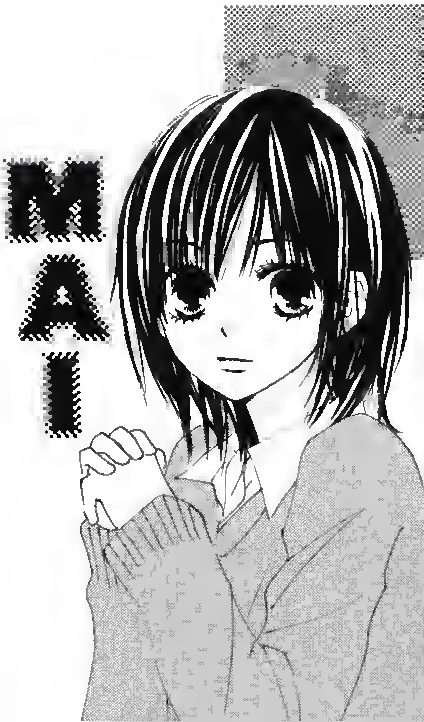
...!
SHUU-HEI...
AFTER I LEAVE THE HOSPITAL,
CAN I DO THE CONTINUATION OF THIS?

AS I THOUGHT, YOSHII-KUN IS REALLY WEIRD
HMM?
THAT ASIDE, LISTEN, MAI.
BUT HE KIND OF MAKES YOU INTERESTED, HUH?
FUFU.
NO ONE IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU!
AFTER ALL, AN OLDER GUY IS NO GOOD, EITHER.
YEAH.
And thus,
My one month with him ended.

Members of the track-and-field club
Ah
R-ally?
DO YOUR BEST.
I'LL GO TO CHEER YOU ON!
THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE SOON, RIGHT?
YES, IT'S REALLY TOUGH.
HEEEY.
MAI-SENPAI!
LONG TIME NO SEE.
A miracle
Mai!
Have you been well, Mai?
..And now
Has been slowly happening
AH...THAT ANNOYING GUY IS HERE.
YUZUHARA-SAN

ZA
HELLO.
I'M TOODA SHUUHEI, WHO'S GETTING ADMITTED INTO CLASS 1-A.
HUH? WHERE'S YUZUHARA-SAN?
.....

SHUUHEI,
WELCOME BACK.
Ripened, and drooped down from the branch
A sweet fruit
<The End>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Happy Birthday
Oswari Team!
Our anniversary no.
thank you to all of oswari's staffers for their great dedication and love for abuse over this past year~
Oswari Team's
1st anniversary!

Hello, everyone!

We do-hoo, we're one year old now! For the past year we've had many rounds of laughs, crazy releasing, staff missing, new people coming, lots of laughing, crying and the most important, lots and lots of fun! We hope there's still a long way to go before we retire as scanlators, and we hope you will continue to support us like you do now! We love you!

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Sweet little winter
スウィート リトル ウィンター

STOP FOLLOWING ME.
.....
THERE'S NO ONE BEHIND YOU.
I'm talking to you. You!

EH...?
BUT MY HOUSE IS IN THIS DIRECTION ..
I KNOW THAT, BUT STILL.
I MEAN, JUST HURRY UP AND WALK PAST ME!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS KEEP THE SAME DISTANCE AND WALK BEHIND ME?
EH? ISN'T IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
SOMEHOW, WHEN I WALK BEHIND YOU, I FEEL AT EASE, NAYUKI. OR LIKE...
HEH...
DASH!
HOLD ON.
AH!
.....

tap tap
?
NAYUKI..
WAH
eeh!
.....

SMACK
S-SORRY!
HEY, KAORU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRY...
glance
huff
huff
huff
crying I just tricked...
NAYUKI.
ARE YOU STILL ANGRY ABOUT THAT?

HUH?
I CHOSE TO GO TO SEISHUU HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT TELLING YOU.
ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT THAT?
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
OF COURSE NOT.
AFTER ALL, IT'S UP TO YOU WHICHEVER HIGH SCHOOL YOU GO TO.

I WON'T BE IN SEISHUU, OKAY?
URGH.
finch
YOU CAN GO TO SEISHUU, OR RIO DE JANEIRO, OR WHEREVER YOU WANT.
BUT DON'T COUNT ON MY HELP ANYMORE.
sad
Starting this spring Kaoru will go to a prestigious school, a place that I can't reach.
prick prick prick
BYE BYE!
And my role will end.
chatter chatter

Now that I think about it, it happened during an excursion when I was in grade school, a few years ago
are we still not there yet?
YAWN
...HEY, DID YOU HEAR A VOICE FROM OVER THERE JUST NOW?
EH?
.....
I DIDN'T WHY?
NO WAY, THAT'S SPOOKY I'M TI-RED ~~~
LET'S HURRY UP AND GO
curious

RUSTLE
WAH...!!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
I'm pretty sure it's from here
UHM... IS SOMEONE ..
WAH!
RUSTLE
HUH! NAYUKI?!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME. I'LL BE BACK RIGHT AWAY

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
so careless
I'M ALL RIGHT... BUT...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
AH, NAYUKI.
I DON'T NEED THOSE.
IF YOU DON'T GO BACK TO THE ROAD SOON, YOU'LL BE LEFT BEHIND!
WHY DON'T YOU PICK THEM UP, TOO?
LOOK AT THIS. IT'S AMAZING!
THERE ARE LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL NUTS HERE!
awesome!
Kaoru was in the same class as me but I almost never talked to him
We called for help then and there but no one came
YEAH, I SPRAINED IT.
apparently
IS YOUR LEG HURT?!
AH, YE..H... THEN I'LL JUST TAKE THIS ONE WITH ME...
OUCH!
stands up

THAT WAS CLOSE...
EH?
SORRY, NAYUKI.
I'M GLAD THAT I HEARD YOUR VOICE EARLIER...!
puff
And so in the end
it turns out like this
WINK
and I couldn't leave him alone, either.
NAYUKI!
for some reason, Kaoru got attached to me.
Ever since then, it's like...
HEEEY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WE'RE SAVED

Before I knew it the whole school started to recognize me as his babysitter
MOR-NING
MORNING, KAORU-KUUUN!
WOW .. KAORUCCHI IS AS POPULAR AS ALWAYS.
WELL, HE'S THE TYPE THAT MAKES YOU KIND OF WANT TO PROTECT HIM, HUH?
kyah
BUT DO YOU KNOW? HE ONLY CARES...
SAKI-CHAN,
I THINK I'M GOING TO STOP BABYSITTING HIM.

WE'RE GOING TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS AFTER ALL.
EH?
Smile
Smile
GOOD MORNING, NAYUKI! IT'S HOT TODAY, ISN'T IT?
I LET HIM HAVE IT YESTERDAY, TOO.
I TOLD HIM NOT TO COUNT ON ME ANYMORE.
WELL, THAT WAS KIND OF HARSH
HEY!
YOU WERE PLAYING AND SLIDING DOWN THERE, RIGHT?
IT FELL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RAILING OF THE STAIRCASE.
AH
FLOP
HERE YOU GO.
AH, ALSO,
THE PENCIL THAT YOU MADE SUCH A FUSS ABOUT WHEN YOU LOST IT!
AH.
WHAT'S WITH YOUR SHIRT?
ARE YOU GOING TO PUT THE HEM IN OR NOT?!

AS I THOUGHT, YOU'RE AMAZING, NAYUKI.
THANKS.
gasp
DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT STOPPING SOMETHING EARLIER~~?
I know.
cra-...
THERE SHE IS, KAORU'S BABYSITTER!!
WHAT SPLENDID MANIPULATION!
IT'S ALREADY BECOME HER INSTINCT!
Actually, I'm the one who can't stand to be separated from him
BUT I WONDER HOW KAORU WILL DO AFTER HE GOES TO SEISHUU.

A new
baby-
sitter.
Seishuu is a prestigious high school where the students all go to universities. It's completely unreachable for me.
I've always been irritated ever since Kaoru was admitted there
HE'S POPULAR AMONG THE GIRLS, RIGHT?
HE'LL FIND A NEW BABYSITTER RIGHT AWAY.
I feel like I might just tell him
the one thing that I absolutely mustn't tell him.

LIKE I SAID,
STOP FOLLOWING ME

AH...!
DON'T MOVE. KEEP IT LIKE THAT.
.....!
WHAT?
JUST NOW, THERE WAS A BUG ON YOUR COLLAR.
EEH!
ONE WITH LOTS OF LEGS.
EH!

GYAH
GYAH
GYAH
TAKE IT OFF ME! HURRY UP!
WAIT A MINUTE.
TOUCH
toss
crawl crawl crawl
DID YOU TAKE IT OFF?
IT'S A SPIDER.
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.

AH,
THANKS...
A LOT...
SURE.
.....
BYE.
TRIPS
WHA...!
catch

THAT
WAS CLOSE ..
He's just a baby!
When did he become this strong...?
What was that just now...?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
He could support me with just his left arm?

SORRY!
YEAH, I'M FINE, I'M FINE!
EH!
AH!
CRACK
AH!
Did I just step on something?

...IT'S GONE
eh?
WAS IT YOURS?
ba-thump

IS THIS A NUT...?
Eh!
YEAH, FROM OUR EXCURSION.
I ONLY TOOK THE ONE I LIKED WITH ME.
IT'S ALREADY OLD AND DRY, SO I GUESS IT WAS EASY TO BREAK
SORRY, KAORU.
I...

IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT WAS ALREADY SO WORN-OUT ANYWAY.
THAT GOES TO SHOW HOW WELL I TREATED IT.
That's a small nut.
I broke
our small precious memory.

.....
looks around
looks around
hides
BAM
PHEW

WAH!
HUH? ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!!
WELL, A COINCIDENCE...?
B-
BYE!
..YOU'RE QUITE WELL-EQUIPPED, HUH?
REALLY? AREN'T YOU JUST IMAGINING IT?
I THINK THE NUTS DON'T FALL THERE NOW ANYMORE.
EH! REALLY?!
..I KNEW IT.
AH ..
drain

NAYUKI,
STILL, LET'S TRY GOING TO THAT MOUNTAIN.
...eeh?!
THAT'S THE EXCURSION SPOT OF OUR MEMORIES.
shut
VROOM
HMM...
.....
VROOM

All right, for now I'll try looking under the trees around here!!
NAYUKI, NAYUKI
WE CAME HERE..
intended to look around the neighborhood a little bit
THE AIR SURE IS DIFFERENT, HUH?
yup!
I WONDER IF I'LL HAVE ENOUGH FOR THE RETURN BUS FARE...
AH, THERE'S A CAT. A WILD CAT MEOW
BYE MEOW
FOR NOW, LET'S HAVE SOME RICE BALLS.
DID YOU ONLY BRING RICE BALLS WITH YOU INSTEAD OF YOUR WALLET?!!
...I HAVE TEA, TOO.
NO, SORRY. IT WAS MY FAULT IN THE FIRST PLACE...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO CONCERNED ABOUT ME.
NO! DEFINITELY NOT!!

I'LL DEFINITELY FIND A NEW ONE.
I DON'T LIKE IT THAT I BROKE IT.
...OKAY.
excuse me
around this area...
AH!
ooh!
THIS IS PRETTY, KAORU!

WOW, I'M AMAZED THAT YOU FOUND SOMETHING LIKE THIS
it's so pretty
WILL THAT DO...?
YEAH
MORE THAN ENOUGH.
Sigh~
phew
THANK GOODNESS...

thump

scrub
scrub
W-WHAT? DO I HAVE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
YEAH,
YOU DO.
SHOCKED
EH!
W-WHERE?
ON THAT CHEEK.
scrub
scrub
IS IT GONE?
NOT YET.

What should I do?

I WAS JUST KIDDING.
there was nothing there
I can't stand it anymore.
UWAH~~~ ...
I might very well blurt out the one thing that I mustn't tell him
THERE'S 45 MINUTES MORE UNTIL THE NEXT BUS~~~?
I WISH WE HAD CHECKED IT BEFORE-HAND.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. SHALL WE WAIT THEN?
YEAH.
I lied.

flop
I wish the waiting time would just drag on forever
WEAR IT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'M FINE
It's not that cold
WOW, I'M SUCH A GENTLEMAN...
TH-ANKS
ACCHOO!

ARGH!
huh?
SORRY, MY SCARF IS SHORT.
.....
AH.
eeek!!
I GOT IT.
TURNS
THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES.
IT'S LIKE THE TIME YOU CARRIED ME ON YOUR BACK.
IT'S ALL RIGHT IF WE DO THIS.

YOUR KNEES WERE REALLY TREMBLING AFTER THAT, HUH?
I REMEMBER IT WHENEVER I LOOKED AT THE NUT
I'M GLAD YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CAME THERE
I WON'T EVER FORGET
WHAT HAPPENED THAT TIME.

TOUCH
SORRY, I'LL TAKE OFF THE SCARF A BIT.
AH!
drops
GRAB
DON'T GO!
SHIVER

EH!
IS IT THAT COLD...
Aah
I've said it
It won't stop...
DON'T GO, KAORU.
DON'T LEAVE ME HERE.
I DON'T WANT IT...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO AWAY.

Even though this will only trouble him...
I WANT TO BE YOUR BABYSITTER
FOREVER..!
Even though I've always held it in...
WAI..
SORRY!
SORRY, KAORU. IT'S TOO LATE TO...
HOLD ON.. A MINUTE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
I FELT LIKE I WAS GONNA DIE.
sits up
S-SORRY! DID I STRANGLE YOU?!
NO, that's not it
WHEN YOU SAID "DON'T GO,"
YOU MEANT HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT?
SORRY! YOU CAN GO! I WAS JUST KIDDING!
YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT IT!
FOR HIGH SCHOOL,
TO SEISHUU.
FOR HIGH SCHOOL, I'M GOING

YEAH...
I WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOMETHING THAT I DECIDED ON MY OWN.
AND THEN, I'LL BECOME A GUY WHO CAN PROTECT YOU PROPERLY
SO THAT YOU CAN'T GET MAD AT ME EVEN IF I BEHAVE SPOILED EVERY NOW AND THEN.
EVEN IF WE GO TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS, WE CAN STILL MEET EACH OTHER
I MEAN, I WANT TO MEET YOU,
SO DON'T STOP
BEING MY BABYSITTER.
That's right. Right now,

IT'S GOTTEN COLDER.
CAN I MOVE A BIT CLOSER TO YOU?
YEAH
This is a winter that won't ever come again
WINTERS ARE SO NICE.
I CAN STAY CLOSE TO YOU, USING THE EXCUSE THAT IT'S COLD.
I will
spend it to the fullest with you

AH...
MOORV
VROOM
IS THAT THE SOUND OF THE BUS...?
MOORV
YEAH, IT'S THE BUS.
KAORU, THE BUS...
VROOM

BAM
YOU COME TOO FAST!
BUS!
VROOM
I received
his heat.
"I came exactly on time, customer."
"That's right. You're so on time that I like it."
EH!
SCREECH

chatter
chatter
AAH.
bye bye
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR NAYUKI, SHE ALREADY WENT HOME.
NO WAY . WE FINALLY GOT TO GO HOME TOGETHER, ALL LOVEY-DOVEY, AND YET
Whack
EEH? SERIOUSLY?!!
SHOCKED
YEAH.
SERIOUSLY SERIOUS?!
SHUT UP.
IT'S FINE FOR YOU, BUT NAYUKI HAS AN IMPORTANT EXAM.
YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP IT MODERATE...
JUST KIDDING SORRY

HUH?
KAORU!

I'LL TRY TO KEEP IT MODERATE.
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF A SUDDEN?
IT'S AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.
I'LL DO MY BEST.
I CAN'T LOSE TO YOU AFTER ALL.
happy
NAYU-...
what are you doing?
?
.....
MOREOVER,
I'M FINE EVEN IF IT'S COLD.

RIGHT?
...!
I'll blame it on the winter
that I want to hold your hand.
〈The End〉